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Dozen now dead from Legionnaires' disease

Uncoordinated. De Blasio, Cuomo give differing updates on Legionnaires' disease outbreak.

A total of 12 New Yorkers have died in the South Bronx outbreak of Legionnaires' disease, city officials said Monday.

But, according to whom you ask, the number of new buildings identified with legionella bacteria differed.

Mayor Bill de Blasio held a press conference Monday afternoon with city officials, reporting that two new buildings — a Department of Homeless Services intake center, and the Daughters of Jacob nursing home — tested positive for the bacteria.

At an unrelated press conference uptown held at about the same time, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said state inspectors identified a total of three new buildings in the city.

De Blasio said later the difference in number had to do with the city focusing on the South Bronx's impact zone, rather than the city at large. The mayor said there have historically been sporadic Legionnaires' outbreaks in New York City.

"You can ask political questions or personality questions, I'm just not going to entertain those," de Blasio said. "The poli-



New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio speaks at a press conference to address the Legionnaires' disease outbreak. / GETTY IMAGES

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Mayor Bill de Blasio

ticians are not the issue here."

More than two-thirds of the 113 people who have been hospitalized have recovered from the pneumonia-like disease and have gone home, Dr. Mary Bassett, commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hy-

giene, said during the afternoon briefing.

Bassett said there haven't been any new cases of the disease in the past six days, and there are encouraging signs people are getting treated and the outbreak is tapering off.

The City Council is set to hold a hearing today on

new legislation that will require buildings with the cooling towers responsible for the outbreak. The Council is expected to vote later in the week.

"There is no other model like this in the United States," de Blasio said.

The legislation will require all new and existing cooling towers to register with the Department of Buildings, be inspected quarterly and disinfected by health department standards if necessary. Any dangerous microbe levels must be reported to the health department. De Blasio asked owners of build-

ings with cooling towers to voluntarily register them online.

Several city agencies spent the weekend canvassing, locating cooling towers in the South Bronx and testing and disinfecting the units. De Blasio said more than 700 buildings were checked, and a more thorough canvass found 39 buildings with cooling towers in the impact zone.

The city is waiting for test results from five more buildings.



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Collared. Two suspects arrested on rape spree charges



Isiah Rivera / PROVIDED

Two suspects were arrested on Sunday in connection with a string of rape and robberies in the Bronx and Manhattan.

The NYPD identified the men as Isiah Rivera, 31 and Joey Cruz, 26.

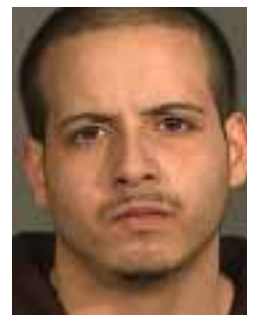
According to police, a 20-year-old woman made arrangements to meet with one of the suspects on East 138th Street in the South Bronx where she encountered another man

and was forced onto the roof of the location. The men raped her and stole her money, police alleged.

Another incident occurred at the Grand Hyatt Hotel near Grand Central Terminal, where a 34-year-old woman was to meet one of the men. The victim was allegedly sprayed in the eyes with an unknown substance and, after two other men arrived, she was raped by all three and

robbed, police said.

A third case is the rape of a 32-year-old woman who was attacked in her apartment on Lexington Avenue in the Gramercy Park area. The victim and suspect arranged to meet, but when the man arrived he maced the victim. Two other men showed up. The three men raped and robbed her, police said. The third suspect was arrested on Friday. KARINA E. CUEVAS



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Can gentrification be funny?

Brooklyn. Filmmaker finds absurdity in NYC's changing neighborhoods.

Gentrification is usually no laughing matter.

But Park Slope native Jay Cusato's film, "A Box Came to Brooklyn," is making the rounds at film festivals, and getting audiences to laugh at the absurdities that follow when new folks move in to tight-knit neighborhoods.

The short film is inspired by a classic episode of "The Twilight Zone," called "The Monsters are Due on Maple Street," and a real-life strange encounter on Cusato's 11th Street block.

"I walked outside one morning and found six of my neighbors standing around a garbage can on the side of the

street," Cusato said. "Everyone was asking where it came from. There was no address on it, and I overheard everyone talking, and it was one of the most ridiculous conversations I've ever heard."

In "A Box Came to Brooklyn," a mysterious package shows up in the middle of the street, and neighbors point fingers, blame terrorists and ultimately seem like they're ready to move out of the quaint neighborhood.

The film was shot in Bay Ridge — one of three New York City neighborhoods that aren't gentrifying, according to a recent study by the Community Service Society of New York — and Cusato said neighbors on Madeline Court welcomed their crew, even cooked for them and lent them a vacant apartment for the shoot. Like "Old Brooklyn," Cusato said.

When asked if there are any positives to gen-



Stills from new gentrification comedy "A Box in Brooklyn" / COURTESY OF JAY CUSATO

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"It's just the people, there's more of a disconnect. Growing up, everybody knew each other."

Jay Cusato

trification, Cusato, 40, who still lives in the same Park Slope building he grew up in, said he can't deny some aspects of the neighborhood have changed for the better.

"Without a doubt, Park Slope was not a great neighborhood growing up," Cusato said.

"I don't want to say it was Compton, but it was a neighborhood that literally nobody cared about. There were no cool bars or restaurants. ... The neighborhood has turned around a whole bunch. It's just the people, there's more of a disconnect. Growing up, every-

body knew each other."

"Now, it's more important that you live in Park Slope, instead of being a part of a neighborhood," Cusato said.

"A Box Came to Brooklyn" has two screenings this week, at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday at The Chain NYC Film Festival in Long Island City and 4:45 p.m. on Sunday at the Upstairs Theater at the BrightSide Tavern Film Festival in Jersey City, New Jersey.

The film will be screened at The Boonies International Film Festival in Pennsylvania later this month.

"I think 'The Twilight Zone' connection alone brings interest to the film," Cusato said. "And no matter where it screens, any community can relate, where you grow up will look different 25 years later."



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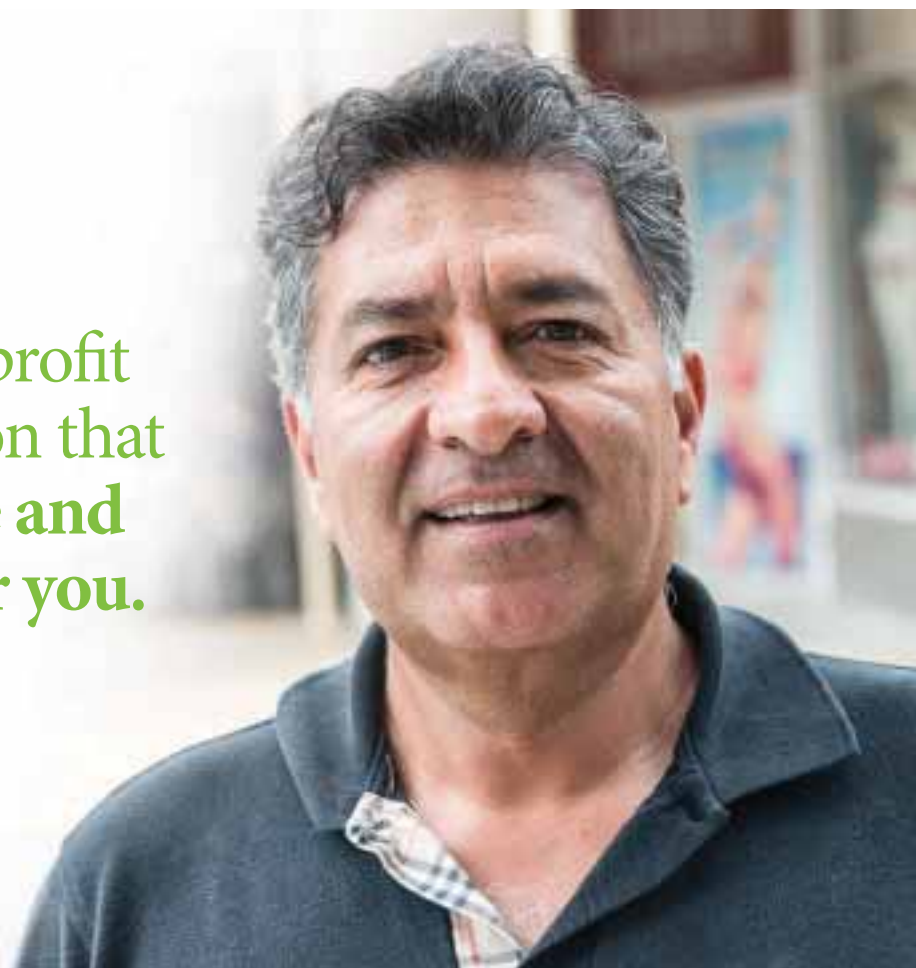
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State nail salon owners face stricter laws

Protections. Cuomo also announces a free nail specialty trainee program.

Nail salon owners in New York City will be required by law to obtain a wage bond for their employees within the next 60 days or

have their business shut down.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the initiative as part of a package in industry reform for nail salon workers, which also includes registration for free-of-charge nail specialty trainee program.

"We will not stand for the exploitation of workers in the state of New York,

plain and simple," said Cuomo. "This administration will not tolerate abuse in any industry — it's simply not who New York is."

Owners who fail to comply with the wage bond requirements will face fines and penalties that will start being enforced on Oct. 6.

The amount of the bond will depend on the hours of nail services provided by



A nail salon / FILE PHOTO

the salon's employees, anywhere from \$25,000 up to \$125,000 for those employing more than 26 nail salon workers.

Other reforms under the package include protective equipment and ventilation requirements, such as personal masks and gloves. Ventilation standards must be posted for the public to see.

The regulations also include a health review of chemical agents and a bill of rights for workers and the public.

Additionally, the new nail specialty trainee program is open to all regardless of citizenship or residency, who will be working, or are currently employed, under the supervision of a licensed nail specialist.

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Handbook

Haitian Creole immigrants rights manual launched

A new Haitian Creole language version of the Comptroller's Guide to "Immigrants Rights and Services" manual was launched Monday morning.

Comptroller Scott Stringer, together with Assemblywoman Rodney Bichotte and Councilman Mathieu Eugene, toured the Flatbush Canton Market to distribute copies of the manual.

"I am thrilled that the Haitian Creole-speaking

community will now have its own edition of my Immigration Rights and Services Manual," Stringer said. "All New Yorkers must have the tools they need to succeed in our city."

The 70-page manual outlines recent legislation and policies important to the immigrant community in New York City.

The manual has been translated to a number of languages including Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Russian.

More than 180,000 Haitians reside in the New York City metropolitan area, according to the NYC Department of Planning 2013 census. **KARINA E. CUEVAS**

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Tribute to rapper

Famous New York City graffiti artist and former 5Pointz curator MeresOne paid tribute to rapper Sean Price with a mural at Bergen Street and Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights. Price, 43, passed away in his sleep on Saturday. The cause of death has not been determined. / MILES DIXON

Houston. Texas man accused of killing eight charged in court



David Conley / HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Texas man accused of killing eight people, including his son and an ex-girlfriend, during the weekend in a Houston-area home was formally charged on Monday with three counts of capital murder, a crime punishable with the death penalty.

David Conley, who has a long history of violent crimes, was ordered held without bond.

District Attorney Devon Anderson said her staff will take three to four months to decide whether to seek the death penalty for David Conley but added, "At this point, it's a no-brainer."

Conley, 48, wearing a yellow Harris County Jail uniform and with his hands cuffed in front of him for his court appearance, quietly answered "yes" when asked to confirm his identity at a hearing.

Assistant District Attorney Alycia Harvey said Conley, who does not yet have an attorney, has made a statement to authorities about his relationship to the victims, who included two adults and six children between the ages of 6 and 13.

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Each of the three counts of capital murder can cover multiple offenses.

She said the dead included Conley's son, Nathaniel Conley, 13, and the boy's mother, Valerie Jackson. Conley was outraged that Jackson had changed the locks on her home, preventing him from getting inside, prosecutors said.

Conley slipped into the home through a window, tied up eight people — Jackson, her husband, and the six children — and shot them all in the head, according to the indictment.

After a standoff with sheriff's deputies who went to the house after a relative of one of the victims asked for a check on the family's welfare, the suspect opened fire on officers when they entered the home.

In addition to Nathaniel Conley, authorities identified the slain children as Honesty Jackson, 11, Dwayne Jackson, 10, Caleb Jackson, 9, Trinity Jackson, 7, and Jonah Jackson, 6. **REUTERS**

Search ends

Body of missing kayaker found in Hudson River

Rescue workers pulled a body from the Hudson River on Monday afternoon that they believe is Ian Jones, who went missing Saturday when the kayak he was in capsized.

Jones was kayaking with girlfriend Tali

Lennox, 22, the daughter of singer Annie Lennox, who was rescued by a passing boat after 20 minutes but lost sight of her longtime beau when the kayak flipped, cops said.

"She did see him," Watterson told The Journal News. "She was with him for a short time before they got separated by the current."

Jones, a 32-year-old artist, knew how to swim, but the river currents are notoriously tricky.

Compounding the incident, officials said, was that the two were apparently intoxicated when they went into the river, off Staatsburgh State Historic Site in Dutchess County, New York.

Neither Lennox nor Jones, a 22-year-old

model/actress, were wearing life vests, officials said.

Lennox was taken to a nearby hospital and, physically, is fine.

The search by dive teams, marine patrols, cops on the shoreline, and a New York State Police helicopter began Saturday morning and entered a third day Monday. **JOHN A. OSWALD**

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State of emergency set in Ferguson after shooting anniversary violence

Sunday. The violence was in marked contrast to a day of mostly subdued, peaceful commemorations.

Authorities declared a state of emergency in Ferguson, Missouri, after gunfire erupted on the anniversary of a high-profile police shooting, and prosecutors on Monday charged an 18-year-old man with assault on officers.

The man, Tyrone Harris, was critically wounded in an exchange of gunfire with police on Sunday night as people marked the shooting death one year ago of unarmed black man Michael Brown by a white officer in Ferguson, a sub-

urb of St. Louis.

Police said Harris was being treated in the hospital. They said St. Louis County prosecutors charged Harris, whose bond was set at \$250,000, on four counts including "assault on law enforcement" and shooting at a motor vehicle.

The violence, which also included a drive-by shooting and police being pelted with objects, prompted St. Louis County to declare a state of emergency.

"In light of [Sunday] night's violence and unrest in the city of Ferguson, and the potential for harm to persons and property, I am exercising my authority as county executive to issue a state of emergency, effective immediately," County Executive Steve Stenger said in a statement.

On a day of civil dis-



St. Louis County Police and Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers stand guard as protesters march on West Florissant Avenue in Ferguson, Missouri. / GETTY IMAGES

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"For the sake of all, it is my hope and expectation that [Monday's] events will be peaceful so that these efforts can continue to move the region in a positive direction." Gov. Jay Nixon

obedience called by activists in Missouri on Monday, several people were arrested after jumping barricades at a courthouse in St. Louis, news video reports showed. Clergy and civil rights

groups led the rally of more than 100 people through city streets, shouting, "This is what democracy looks like," and, "Black lives matter."

On Sunday night in Ferguson, volleys of gunshots rang out as police in riot gear tried to disperse demonstrators blocking traffic and smashing storefront windows along a street that was a flash point for riots last year after Brown, 18, was shot dead.

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon called Sunday's violence "a sad turn of events" carried out by a criminal element.

Nixon, who had deployed the National Guard to quell violence last year, did not make any mention of additional security for rallies on Monday planned in and around Ferguson.

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Five things you need to know

Family calls off private search for Florida teens lost at sea

The families of two 14-year-old boys from South Florida have ended a private search for the teens who disappeared last month on a boating trip in the Atlantic Ocean, local media reported.

The families of Austin Stephanos and Perry Cohen said in a statement on Sunday that their "hope becomes a prayer — that one day Perry and Austin will be returned to us," the Palm Beach Post

and other news outlets reported.

The families had continued privately funded efforts after the U.S. Coast Guard ended its search a week after the boys disappeared on July 24.

The boys, who were fishing buddies and neighbors, were last seen buying fuel for their 19-foot, single-engine vessel.

Their overturned boat was found two days later, about 180 miles north of Jupiter, Florida, where they had launched it.

The Coast Guard's search had spanned nearly 50,000 square nautical miles up to North Carolina. **REUTERS**



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Grizzly suspected in death of hiker may be killed

A mother grizzly suspected in the death of a hiker whose partially eaten body was found at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming has been trapped and will be killed if DNA testing proves she was involved in the attack, the park's superintendent said.

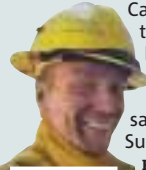
An autopsy on the hiker, Lance Crosby, 63, was planned Monday to determine the cause of his death.

Crosby, who was from Montana, was reported missing after failing to show up for work Friday morning, and later that day, a ranger found his body in a popular backcountry area off a trail near Yellowstone Lake. **REUTERS**

Second firefighter dies battling forest fires

A 21-year-old Sacramento-area man became the second California firefighter to die battling wildfires this year, as a series of lightning strikes ignited blazes in the drought-parched Sierra Nevada over the weekend.

Michael Hallenbeck, of the Sierra foothill community of Shingle Springs, was killed on Saturday as he and his firefighting crew tackled a blaze near Lake Tahoe in Northern California, the U.S. Forest Service said on Sunday. **REUTERS**



HALLENBECK

Chicago public schools to lay off 1,500 teachers, staff

Chicago Public Schools on Monday began notifying nearly 1,500 teachers and support staff who are being fired amid a previously announced \$200 million budget cut and a shift in student enrollment.

The announcement came as CPS released its \$5.7 billion 2016 budget, which includes a historic \$1.1 billion budget deficit driven by rapidly rising pension payments.

The layoff notices will affect 479 teachers and 1,012 other staff members, out of more than 41,500 employees, according to the school system. **REUTERS**

Twitter signs multiyear deal with NFL

The National Football League said it signed a multiyear partnership with microblogging site Twitter to deliver video and other content to NFL fans on a daily basis.

Content, including in-game highlights from preseason through Super Bowl 50, will be distributed across Twitter from the start of the 2015 season, the NFL said in a news release.

The partnership expands on the NFL's existing partnership with Twitter since 2013, and Twitter users will now have access to more official NFL content than in the past. **REUTERS**



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US consulate target in wave of attacks on Turkish security

Violence. The killings come a day after the U.S. sent six F-16 jets and personnel to an air base in Turkey.

Two women shot at the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul on Monday, and at least nine people were killed in a wave of separate attacks on Turkish security forces, weeks after Ankara launched a crackdown on Islamic State, Kurdish and far-left militants.

The NATO member has been in a heightened state of alert since starting its "synchronized war on terror" last month, including air strikes against Islamic



Turkish special force police officers take cover during clashes with attackers at the Sultanbeyli district in Istanbul. / GETTY IMAGES

State fighters in Syria and Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militants in northern Iraq. It has also rounded up hundreds of suspect-

ed militants at home.

A far-left group that killed a Turkish security guard in a 2013 suicide bombing of the U.S. Em-

bassy in Ankara claimed it was involved in Monday's attack.

The Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front (DHKP-C), considered a terrorist organization by the United States and Turkey, said one of its members was involved and called Washington the "archenemy" of the people of the Middle East and the world.

Turkey's foreign ministry condemned the attack and said security at U.S. diplomatic missions was being tightened. Police with automatic rifles cordoned off streets around the U.S. Consulate in the Sariyer district on the European side of Istanbul.

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Search. Google to become Alphabet Inc. in technology shakeup

Google Inc. announced a new operating structure Monday, creating a holding company called Alphabet to encompass the search engine unit and other subsidiaries.

Alphabet Inc. will replace Google as the publicly-traded entity and all shares of Google will automatically convert into the same number of shares of Alphabet, with all of the same rights.

"This new structure will allow us to keep tremendous focus on the extraordinary opportunities we have inside of Google," Larry Page said in a blogpost.

The unusual structure, announced after the close of stock market

trading, leaves Page in charge of the company as CEO. Fellow co-founder Sergey Brin will become president of Alphabet, and Eric Schmidt will be executive chairman.

Sundar Pichai will be the CEO of Google Inc., while current Google Chief Financial Officer Ruth Porat will become CFO of Alphabet. Google's current directors will become directors of Alphabet.

Page said "Alphabet is mostly a collection of companies, the largest of which is, of course, Google." The company said the new arrangement will take effect "later this year."

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Software company

Adobe joins tech industry push in increasing maternity, parental leave

Software company Adobe Systems Inc. said on Monday it is doubling the maternity leave it grants, making it the third company in the U.S. technology industry in a week to give new parents more paid time off.

New mothers at the California-based firm will receive 26 weeks of paid leave, up from 12 weeks, and primary caregivers and new parents will get 16 weeks of paid parental leave.

"We join an industry movement to better support our employees while striving toward increased workforce diversity," said Donna Morris, Adobe senior vice president of People and Places.

Morris said the new leave program had been in the planning stages for a long time and was not in response to announcements by Netflix. REUTERS

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Adobe has 13,500 employees globally, including 6,500 in the United States. About 30 percent are women.

Cosmonauts embark on six-hour-long spacewalk outside ISS



The International Space Station is seen in an undated NASA handout picture. / NASA HANDOUT

Space Station. It is a \$100 billion research laboratory owned and operated by a partnership of 15 nations.

A pair of Russian cosmonauts began their workweek on Monday by cleaning the windows of the International Space Station (ISS), floating more than 200 miles above the earth's surface.

Station commander

Gennady Padalka and flight engineer Mikhail Kornienko left the station's Pirs module at 1420 GMT, embarking on a six-hour spacewalk to install new equipment and carry out maintenance tasks.

The cosmonauts quickly completed their first task, installing equipment to help crew members maneuver outside the ISS, before cleaning a porthole window to remove years of dirt left by exhaust fumes from visiting ships.

"They developed a [cleaning] tool kit with

two swabs with handles on them. The swabs are kind of a type of terry cloth," spacewalk specialist Devan Bolch said in a NASA video published before the walk.

"It's kind of similar to what you would use on your car headlights when they get hazy to clean them."

The expedition is the 188th ISS spacewalk and the 10th for Padalka, who has spent more time in space than any other human. It is Kornienko's second venture outside the station.

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Today, Mark Duplass has a process, Kevin Hart is hustling, Larry the Cable Guy is full of useful information, Lena Dunham has a point and Wayne Johnson got some good news.

@MarkDuplass: The best stuff I make starts as a reaaaaally dumb idea that I follow blissfully & aimlessly until I figure out what it's about.

@KevinHart4real: No days off....

@GitRDoneLarry: Fun fact. An armadillo is one of the only animals that when it dies gets turned into a lamp.

@lenadunham: When you respond to #blacklivesmatter with #ALLlivesmatter you really make yourself look like a meatball and a dingus

@TheRock: Doin' my happy dance cause my Dr said I don't have brain trauma. But she did say I need a psychiatrist.. #ShakeltOff

Let the Nicki Minaj pregnancy rumors begin!

Meek Mill is probably happy that his name is coming up for some reason other than constantly feuding with Drake. So what's distracting everyone from that spat now? Oh, just Nicki Minaj introducing him at a recent Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, concert as "my baby father," immediately setting off waves of speculation that Minaj is in fact pregnant — and apparently a fan

of mangling popular phrases. (Seriously, "baby father"? That just sounds awkward.) As to whether there's any truth to the baby talk, Minaj is being less than helpful, retweeting fan reactions to the rumor with just a series of

crying-laughing (or maybe just crying) emojis. That could really mean a number of things. This is why people shouldn't release statements comprised entirely of emojis. It's an imperfect communication system, people.



FWA Twigs still hasn't seen 'Twilight'

Robert Pattinson's fiancée, singer FKA Twigs, sounds like a real delight to interview. An intrepid Sunday Times reporter did her darndest to get through a chat with Twigs, but it doesn't sound like it went very well — especially when the topic of marriage comes up. "Who told you I was getting married? You might read somewhere that I'm a monkey, and it doesn't mean I am," Twigs says, adding that she's "not prepared to talk about my private life.

I don't really understand the fascination." That's all well and good, but she also starts the interview in tears and ends it with, "I think this could be my last interview. I can't do it. It makes me feel nutty."

The highlight, though, is when she admits she hasn't seen "Twilight," the film that made Pattinson a star. Actually, knowing how uncomfortable Pattinson is with the whole fame thing, maybe her not watching "Twilight" is a major turn-on for him.

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Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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"It's so bad to be basic," she explains. "I don't have an average day. I hate that kind of thing."

Emma Watson and the silent breakup

You know who is feeling up to discussing her personal life? Emma Watson, who tells Vogue U.K. that last year she went through a "horrendous" breakup with ex-boyfriend Matt Janney. How horrendous are we talking? It involved a vow of silence. No, seriously. "I felt really uncomfortable," Watson



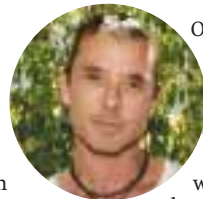
says. "Even before my relationship ended, I went on a silent retreat because I really wanted to figure out how to be at home with myself." There's some joke in here about relationships and communication issues, but I'm honestly more distracted by the fact that silent retreats are apparently a thing.

Let's check in with Gavin Rossdale's former lover



Robinson, right, with Boy George. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Gavin Rossdale may be on the outs with soon-to-be ex-wife Gwen Stefani, but at least one former flame is eager to hear from him: Peter Robinson, otherwise known as cross-dressing pop star Marilyn, who claims he and Rossdale dated in the 1980s. "He was the love of my life. I'm f—ing proud of that," Robinson tells Radar



Online. "I want to say I would take him back in a heartbeat, but the reality goes, 'What is going on with you?' I've been celibate for 25 years. The next person I engage with I want to be adored and loved and not ashamed about who I am. I don't think we'll ever be friends and that upsets me because I really love him."

Daily video



Chris Farley as Shrek

A bit of Hollywood history: Chris Farley was originally supposed to voice the grumpy, titular ogre in "Shrek," and he even recorded as much as 90 percent of the film's dialogue before he died of a drug overdose 18 years ago. Fellow "SNL" alum Mike Myers famously stepped in, and

the rest is computer animated history. But now we can hear how Farley's version of the character would have sounded. The biggest difference? Totally not Scottish, which just feels weird, right? And if you listen closely to this temp track, you can hear Tom Waits' "Innocent When You Dream" start up at the end. How come that didn't make it into the film?

How to find your 'Supergirl'

TCA update.

Melissa Benoist and others talk about how she came to "Supergirl" on CBS.

Playing a nearly invincible superhero might sound like a big task to take on, but Melissa Benoist, who suits up in the title role on CBS' new "Supergirl," felt up to the challenge.

"I think the second that I saw in my email, 'Supergirl,' I just knew that it was something exciting and rare that I wanted to be part of," said Benoist, speaking at the panel for the show at the Television Critics Association press tour.

"Melissa was the very first person we saw for Kara [Supergirl]. As soon as we saw her, we just knew she was the one. She had the strength, the



The boys take a backseat in "Supergirl" — don't expect to see Superman saving the day. / DARREN MICHAELS, CBS

hope, the heart, the humor," explained Andrew Kreisberg, one of the show's executive producers.

But Benoist's Supergirl isn't totally unstop-

pable. "It was important for us, especially to have a weekly TV show, to put her in situations where she isn't all powerful, so you can root for her," said Kreisberg. "You want to

feel like Supergirl might not survive any of these things."

Taking on a character with decades of history in comic books means there's quite a lot of back-

story to draw from, and Benoist said there were a few things she tried to keep in mind in taking on the part. "I just knew that she's such a beacon of hope, and I knew that

her bravery and strength were so intrinsic to who she is, and I needed to feel that myself in order to play that."

Don't expect Supergirl's cousin Clark Kent to be popping up, however. "He will be a factor in her life, but you won't see him exactly onscreen. He's going to be more in the background. But he does play a part in her evolution of becoming a superhero," said Geoff Johns, chief creative officer at DC Entertainment.

Co-star Calista Flockhart, who plays Kat, Kara's "Devil Wears Prada"-type boss, did have one good idea about how to get him on the show.

"I think it would be a really good idea if Kat becomes romantically involved with Superman," Flockhart suggested.



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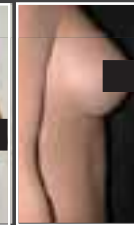
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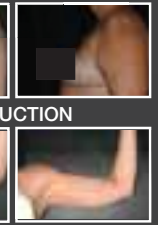
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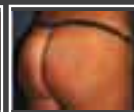
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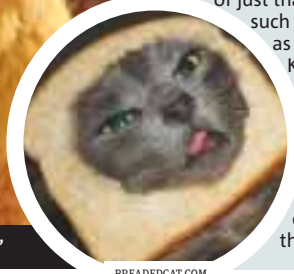
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Did you know that you can manage Internet cats for a living? There is a guy, Ben Lashes, who has made a career of just that, repping such celebrities as Grumpy Cat, Keyboard Cat and Nyan Cat. His title: "meme manager." Um, how do we get that job?

How did cats take over the Internet?

Exhibition. The Museum of the Moving Image delves into our online feline obsession.

We're going to make a prediction. If your day involves sitting in front of a computer — or even just scanning Instagram on your phone — we bet you'll come across, click on and maybe even share something cat-related. As one viral video collage put it, the Internet is "made of cats," from kittens learning to meow (#cute) to felines falling off things (#fail) to pets wearing

Donald Trump wigs (#lol) to truly talented creatures who can play the piano (#omg).

"Anyone who has spent any amount of time on the Internet can see that cats have an outsize role [there]," says Jason Eppink, curator of "How Cats Took Over the Internet," which runs through Jan. 31, 2016, at the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens. "I wanted to see why."

The exhibition explores the rise of Internet cat culture — from 1995's low-fi "Meowspeak" chat rooms to today's full-fledged celebs like Grumpy Cat, Keyboard Cat and Chouette Lagerfeld (who raked in more than \$4 million last year). Here's what we learned.

The Internet isn't *actually* made of cats

Hard to believe, but cats are no more popular than their nemeses, dogs, online. "This was the most surprising thing I've found in doing this exhibition," says Eppink. An analysis of five sites — BuzzFeed, YouTube, Instagram, Reddit and Tumblr — found that the number of posts or photos devoted to cats vs. canines was roughly the same.

Yet, the online dog community is not nearly as, um, rabid. That's because while dog owners can take their pets to a park to fraternize with

others like them, there isn't really a physical space for cat owners to congregate with their (often aloof, often house-bound) companions. Which is why they've taken to the Internet.

"It's the idea of the 'virtual cat park,'" explains Eppink, referring to a concept made up by BuzzFeed Editorial Director Jack Shepherd. "It's created a community where people can bond over their love and enthusiasm for cats."

The first cat video is from ... 1894?

Yes, there were cat videos before Maru. The earliest one in the exhibition dates

back to 1894: a Kinetoscope of two boxing kitties filmed by none other than Thomas Edison. In fact, avant-garde cinema is bursting with feline footage, from Alexander Hammid and Maya Deren's "Private Life of a Cat" (1947) — which depicts their pet falling in love, giving birth and raising kittens — to Stan Brakhage's film school favorite "Cat's Cradle" (1959).

"Cats just make for more compelling camera subjects than dogs," says Eppink. "We understand dogs — they're loyal, they want to please. Cats are mysterious. Sometimes they're just like us, and sometimes they're like these totally alien creatures."

We love to see cats #fail

These mercurial qualities allow us to project all sorts of human emotions to our cats, but they also explain why we love to see them look ridiculous. "When I first saw 'cat breeding,'" — when you stick a cat's head through a piece of bread — "the whole cat phenomenon started to make sense to me," says Eppink. "It's such an assertion of power over these creatures whose actions and emotions remain so inscrutable to us. It's funny to see them look so confused and surprised."

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Gillian Flynn goes Hollywood

Books. The “Gone Girl” author sees another novel, “Dark Places,” hit the big screen.

It may sound crazy, given Gillian Flynn’s success with novels that portray darkly complicated female main characters, but that type of story — about that kind of woman — was something of a tough sell.

“When I first started writing my first book, ‘Sharp Objects,’ I was writing it with a little sense of a vacuum of interesting female characters — in particular female antiheroes,” Flynn says. “We got turned down by quite a few places that said, ‘Women aren’t going to read about a woman they don’t like. And men will definitely not want to read about a woman who’s bad.’ And to me, I was like, ‘What era is this?’”

Those publishers are

likely kicking themselves, since Flynn followed up “Sharp Objects” with “Dark Places” and “Gone Girl,” both of which have been turned into films.

Speaking of Hollywood, it would be understandable if Flynn started planning out her future works of fiction with an eye toward how they might do as movies, but she swears she hasn’t.

“I don’t think so, but I have not started the next book — don’t tell my publisher, that’s off the record,” she jokes. But kidding aside, it’s not an approach she’d advise for herself or other writers, as the results can be not so impressive. “I think writing a book with film in mind is a way to write a really bad book. You can usually tell those books are sort of packaged to become films,” she says.

Which is not to say her recent forays into Hollywood won’t have some sway on her creative process going forward, of



Charlize Theron brings Flynn’s creation to life in “Dark Places.” / A24 FILMS

course. “I think that will be one of those things, one of those voices on my shoulder — shoulders? Now I’ve confessed too much! — that I’ll be kind of battling a little bit with the next book, trying to fight that urge to make it seem commercial or

filmable or whatever it is,” Flynn admits. “Because, you know, you don’t necessarily read ‘Dark Places’ and think, ‘What an easy thing to film!’”



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One more thing

Trying — and failing — to lighten up

When Gillian Flynn sat down to write “Dark Places,” she really, truly tried to center the story on a less troubled female protagonist, but that just wasn’t in the cards. “In the first draft,

I was like, ‘I’m not going to write another dark female narrator!’ And the Libby I created was just ridiculous,” Flynn explains. “She was more, ‘We’re going to solve this murder! Let’s go!’ Really optimistic. Like a Jazzercise instructor. Ludicrous. So I just erased her and started over again, with the opening line of the book: ‘I have a meanness inside of me.’ Then I really had her.”

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How to make a critter movie with no talking

"Shaun the Sheep Movie," in theaters now, takes characters from the TV show "Shaun the Sheep" and ships them off to the big city. / LIONSGATE

Q&A. The makers of "Shaun the Sheep" let us in on their brand of magic.

The English animation studio Aardman, of "Wallace & Gromit" fame, has

long been at the forefront of stop-motion, not only in terms of technical proficiency but also in their distinctively British wit and charm. Their new "Shaun the Sheep Movie" carries on that tradition, as well as carrying over a world shown over several seasons of the TV show. It's also, like the show, com-

pletely dialogue-free — a rarity in animation, and film in general. "Shaun"'s directors, Richard Starzak and Mark Burton, talk with us about the difficulties of making a film without dialogue and how the eyes are the windows into the brain.

a while. As we started to put the storyboard reels together, we became really

confident that it was going to work.

Mark Burton: There's a fine line between keeping it nice and simple so you understand the narrative, and being so simple that you just get bored. We tried to create a strong emotional story, and we made sure that, at any point, you knew what was going on in the characters' heads. If

you understand what a character is thinking and what the problems are, you don't need words. You can get it all from nonverbal communication.

So much of the communication in the film — and in other Aardmans — is in the facial expressions, especially in the eyes. **Starzak:** I directed the "Creature Comforts" TV series, and we did a lot of research into Method acting, such as what your eyes do when you're speaking — because your eyes can betray whether you're telling the truth or not, or whether you doubt what you're saying, whether you're trying to remember something while you're speaking. We put that into use in "Shaun." How we used the eyes was very important. There is a universal language of where your eyes are — whether you're looking down, up, or left or right. There's a universal language in how we use our eyes to access our brains.



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RICHARD STARZAK AND
MARK BURTON
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Did you encounter much resistance when it came to making a film without any dialogue?

Richard Starzak: Not really. "Shaun" the TV show didn't have any dialogue. But it scared us, I have to say. We worried if we didn't have dialogue, children might run out of patience after

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Getting sex positive

In "The Diary of a Teenage Girl," Alexander Skarsgard plays a grown man having a sexual relationship with his girlfriend's daughter (Bel Powley). / SONY PICTURES CLASSICS



BEL POWLEY AND
ALEXANDER SKARSGARD
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Interview. Bel Powley and Alexander Skarsgard say "The Diary of a Teenage Girl" can help young women.

In their indie dramedy "The Diary of a Teenage Girl," Bel Powley and Alexander Skarsgard play, respectively, Minnie, a teenager in first blush with her sexuality, and Monroe, her mother's boyfriend, with whom she is sleeping. The actors have the goofy rapport that comes with having to fake intimacy through real trust.

"I'd never done a sex scene onscreen before," Powley says, dispensing a laugh Skarsgard shares. "He took my onscreen virginity."

Powley, a young British actress, found herself transplanted to America, making a film that could be uncomfortable for all but wasn't. Though the role called on Powley to do some outside-the-box

Dress-up

Why Skarsgard went drag

Last week, Alexander Skarsgard arrived at the San Francisco premiere of "Diary of a Teenage Girl" in a big dress. As it happens, when they shot the film, they employed many of the city's drag queens, some of whom performed before the film began.

"It sounded like fun," Skarsgard recounts. "I had a couple pints, and I said, 'I don't want to

be excluded from all the fun. I want to be in drag.'" So they made him up like Farrah Fawcett, and a local performer did his makeup. "She told me I'm her daughter now. Whoever does your makeup the first time you go in drag is your mom. So Mercedes is now my drag queen mom."

He even enjoyed it: "I want to do it at every screening. I feel so uncomfortable in jeans and a shirt."

firsts, Skarsgard still had to play a 35-year-old sleeping with a) a high schooler and b) his girlfriend's daughter.

"I saw that as an interesting challenge," Skarsgard says. "He could easily become predatory. You have to make their relationship mean something. Otherwise, it's not going to be interesting. If he's too predatory you think, 'Why watch this for more than five minutes?'"

"Obviously there's a 20-

year age gap, but it's like any relationship," Powley adds. "It ebbs and flows. It's balanced and imbalanced. You think maybe they work together, then it falls off-kilter again."

Of course, the nature of their relationship is a touchy subject, though so far, viewers seem to have shared the film's nonjudgmental tone.

"The conversations we've been having at Q&As and with journalists

have been very intelligent in the way they've approached the subject," Skarsgard says. Even those typically against movies about sexuality, especially female sexuality and especially female teen sexuality, have been OK. "We've done interviews with quite conservative journalists, and they really responded to it."

"People don't make movies or talk about female sexuality," Powell says. "It's such a taboo subject. With the rise of 'new feminism,' it's a very good time to be making a movie about young women wanting to have sex and normalizing it. It's very important for teenage girls to have that normalized. Otherwise, you can feel really ostracized. It can be really damaging."

"There are so many movies about men wanting to get laid and men being promiscuous and men wanting to lose their virginity. Why not make one about women?"



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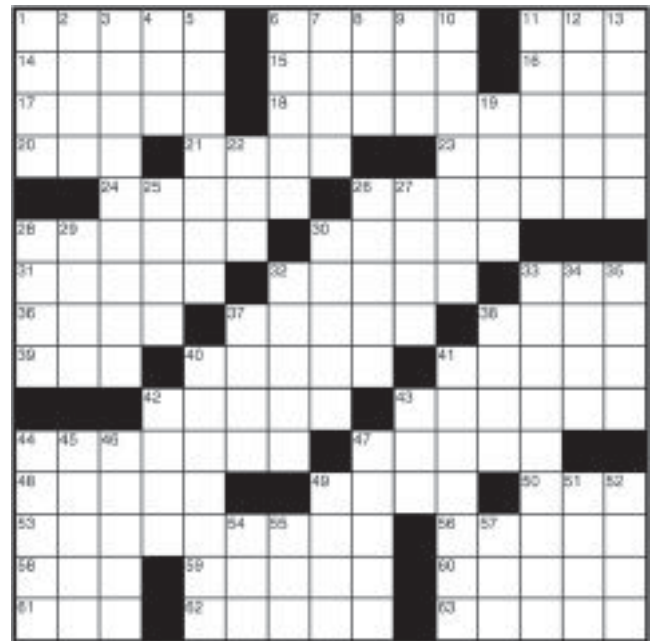
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Do it with a friend

Making friend-dates for a run and indulging in a post-workout smoothie gives you something to look forward to, with the bonus of holding yourself accountable to actually work out. "Before you start running with a friend, set expectations about the run so you can accomplish your goals," Wilpers says.

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The actress learned to love it, and you can too. The Mile High Run Club's Matt Wilpers share his tips.



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If you think you'll never be one of those people

who runs five miles before work or trains for a marathon, don't write yourself off so fast. Lena Dunham recently confessed she hated running her whole life — until she started training with Matt Wilpers of the Mile High Run Club. "Working with Lena was an awesome experience for me," Wilpers tells us. "I helped transform her attitude about fitness by helping her build confidence." Here, he

shares how you can start enjoying it, too.

Set specific and measurable goals

If you aren't one of those people who just naturally loves to run, you need a reason to do it, or it can seem a bit pointless. "Some people [set a goal] to work up to their first race, such as a 5K," Wilpers says. "Other people, like my dad, start running to improve their overall health. I think it's really important to set specific and measurable goals so you can track your progress and feel a sense of accomplishment as you progress," Wilpers says. Once you start doing that, you'll be motivated to keep running.

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Come up with a motto

Wilpers says he has lots of mottos that he lives by, but his favorite is "sharp body, sharp mind." A running motto can keep you going and also can bleed into other areas of your life. "As long as I maintain my fitness, I think clearly and make better decisions," Wilpers says.

Switch it up

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Women do more than let their hair down on vacation — and it's leaving them vulnerable to sex-related issues long after they get back home.

A recent survey about tourism-related risks found that being on vacation makes women more open to sexual risk-taking and experimentation. Being away also ups sexual confidence and makes ladies more likely to push their boundaries.

Many of the over 850 U.S. women aged 18 to 50 surveyed said anonymity played a major role, especially the freedom to act out sexual fantasies. Others went as far as to say that sexual experimentation and erotic thrills were vacation musts. Researchers say that it's the departure from tight schedules, social judgment and everyday responsibilities that ultimately open the door. In other words, being away loosens inhibitions.

Young pot smokers don't suffer later



The rules may change during vacation, but the risks don't. **ISTOCK**

While smoking marijuana certainly isn't thought to be good for teens, a new study suggests that it also might not be as bad as we think.

Over 400 teenage boys enrolled in the Pittsburgh public school system during the 1980s took part in the long-term study, which found no link between teenage marijuana use and future health issues. This is despite the fact that previous research has suggested that smoking weed as an adolescent could lead to psychotic symptoms later down the road.

"I think the take-away message is that, in general,

young men in our study who used relatively high amounts of marijuana in adolescence and young adulthood were not overwhelmingly more likely to self-report physical and mental health problems around age 36," says lead researcher Dr. Jordan Bechtold, a psychology research fellow at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

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I came across the concept of the hero's journey when I needed it most — while struggling with my father's death. Among his shelves of books was "The Hero with a Thousand Faces" by the famous cultural anthropologist Joseph Campbell. It describes a story that has been told in every culture since ancient times.

While it has many variations, the hero's journey has a simple core plot: The character answers a call to leave home, faces all kind of obstacles, discovers a treasure and returns home victorious and enriched.

What struck me most, however, was Campbell's point that every hero possesses the preparation, tools and support to succeed in his or her quest, whether it's a magical weapon, a latent special power or characters who appear at the darkest moment to offer support and guidance along the way.

After reading the book and reflecting on my own journey, I took an inventory of all the resources in my favor — supportive, savvy friends; past successes improvising in new situations; a gym membership to work off the stress, etc. — and realized I was up to the dual challenges of grieving while sorting out my father's estate. Becoming the hero of your story doesn't necessarily demand extraordinary acts of bravery or selflessness but rather the ability to slay one's inner dragons and conquer challenges that threaten to overwhelm you. This can take patience, faith and small but persistent steps in a



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Giants have abundance of riches at running back

NFL. A trio of diverse and talented backs will highlight a potent-looking offense for the Giants this season.

The Giants seem to be gifted with a deep and talented backfield, but if it's not handled right, it could turn into a curse.

Blessed with three quality running backs, Big Blue has a trio that all bring different skills to the table. Veteran Rashad Jennings is 6-foot-1 and 230 pounds. And while he's the primary banger in the backfield, he possesses enough receiving skills (30 receptions last season) out of the backfield to keep opposing defenses on their toes.

Andre Williams is 5-foot-11 and also 230 pounds, but has nice breakaway speed in the open field — as his career-long 50-yard sprint displayed last season.

Those two holdovers will be challenged by Shane Vereen, who signed a three-year, \$12.3 million free agent deal after his superb Super Bowl showing last season. Vereen, 5-foot-10 and 205 pounds, isn't anywhere near the rushing threat as the aforementioned duo, but he's arguably the league's biggest receiving threat out of the backfield.

All three have a place in offensive coordinator's Ben McAdoo's offense, but it's just a matter of finding specific roles to match



There is not a clear depth chart yet at running back for the Giants, but regardless of who starts there will be carries to go around. / GETTY IMAGES

their unique talents.

Jennings said he welcomes the added competition, and isn't worried about who becomes McAdoo's go-to guy, or who gets the bulk of touches, because the veteran only cares about winning — something he rarely did during his previous stints in Jacksonville and Oakland.

"I expect a whole lot from this offense, from this [running backs'] room. We have talent across the board," Jennings said.

Jennings's team-first mentality will be tested, as

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"The only thing I'm concerned about is helping this team win a championship. ... Whoever is on the field, that's our guy."

Rashad Jennings, on sharing his workload with Shane Vereen and Andre Williams

McAdoo has mixed up the position groups during team sessions.

Head coach Tom Coughlin has yet to display the first official depth chart yet, but with their first preseason game coming next week, the order will likely be known soon.

"We're comfortable. We had some ups and downs last year, but we also did some things very well," Jennings said of an

offense that finished the campaign averaging 427 yards and 30.7 points per game over their final four contests. "We're starting to eliminate all those pre-snap and post-snap penalties. ... We now just focus on playing physical, poised, and sound and having a good time."

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Tatted up

LT visits Jets camp

Former Jets running back LaDainian Tomlinson returned to his old stomping grounds on Monday. And with him at Jets' camp, he brought his infamous calf tattoos, but unlike when he played here, the dates are filled in. Before a single snap of the offseason in 2010, Tomlinson had a tattoo of the Jets logo inked on his right calf, opposite a San Diego Chargers logo on his left calf. Underneath the bolt logo was a dateline that read "2001 - 2010" marking his time with the AFC West team. While with the Jets, Tomlinson had the logo inked along with "2010 -" with no end date. It has subsequently been filled in to indicate his retirement.

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Each of the three Giants running backs brings a distinct skill-set to the offense.

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- Andre Williams is a former Heisman Trophy candidate out of Boston College, and last year finished with 721

yards rushing and seven touchdowns.

- Rashad Jennings is the oldest member of the group at 30 years old. He's never played a full 16-game season but is healthy heading into 2015. "I'm making a point that this year you'll get the best out of me, because everyone only seems to remember the things that didn't get done [and] the injuries."

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THE NFL, PRO FOOTBALL HOF DROPPED BALL



Many feel the NFL showed cowardice in not allowing Sydney Seau to give an acceptance speech Saturday in Canton. / GETTY IMAGES

The NFL and the Pro Football Hall of Fame missed the boat on Saturday night.

It comes around every year in the month of August as former kings of the gridiron are forever immortalized with a gold jacket and bust in Canton, Ohio. There were eight that were enshrined on Saturday, highlighted by Bill Polian, Jerome Bettis and Junior Seau. Seau took his own life in May of 2012 with a gunshot wound to the chest. He was an all-time great linebacker and he flashed utter brilliance from the word go after being a first-round draft choice by the San Diego Chargers in the 1990 NFL Draft. He played 20 years and had 1,846 career tackles and 56.5 sacks. He was a playmaker who liked to freelance and let his eyes lead the way. He was a player who was worth the price of admission because you never knew when he would make a game-changing play. He was a 13-time Pro Bowler and an eight-time All-Pro and was the defensive player of the year in 1992. He played the game with such passion and heart that it resonated through the television set. He should be still living his life to this day with the same passion that he played the game with, but sadly he is not.

It was determined after his death that he was

OPINION

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suffering from CTE after sustaining multiple blows to his head during his playing career. The Seau family has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the NFL.

On Saturday night, it should have been about Junior Seau the player, and it was for the most part, but it was not in total. Why? Because we did not get a chance to hear Sydney Seau speak about her father.

She did a question-and-answer session, but we did not get a speech. That is what most everyone wanted on Saturday evening and we did not get it. For some reason, in 2010,

the Hall passed a bylaw that prohibited substitute speakers for a posthumous enshrinee. Now they made an exception to that bylaw and allowed Sydney Seau to speak but it was limited to a question and answer session. That is not good enough.

On Sunday, The New York Times released a 9½-minute video of Sydney Seau giving the speech that she should have given on Saturday evening. It was about her father and not about concussions. It was emotional and sad. It was perfect. It should have been delivered on Saturday evening in Canton, Ohio. It was not. It appeared to be filmed in a hotel room in Canton. Her words described her father as a loving and passionate man who will forever be missed. Just as the four Seau children will forever miss their father and we will all miss No. 55, the Hall and the NFL missed an opportunity. They missed a chance to get real on Saturday evening.

We all glorify the men who play in the NFL. To some they are role models, heroes and champions. To 21-year-old Sydney Seau, that was her father. She wanted to tell us more about that man and who he was away from the game. She did. On video. She should have been given the clearance to give a speech on a stage.

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If they want to maintain their quickly evaporating lead (the team was swept by the Blue Jays this past weekend to lead Toronto by just 1.5 games), they'll need to take advantage of their upcoming three contests against the AL Central last-place Indians.

Yankees' top prospect Luis Severino gets his second career start to open the series Tuesday at 7:10 p.m. (on YES). **METRO**

The matchups

Here's a peek at this mid-week series' pitching matchups (all 7:10 starts):

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- **Wednesday** – C.C. Sabathia (4-8, 5.34 ERA) vs. Danny Salazar (9-6, 3.38 ERA)
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